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## General

Croatia is located in SE Europe, bordering the Adriatic Sea between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Slovenia.

The climate is Mediterranean, and more predominately, continental with hot summers and cold winters. Mild winters with dry summers prevail along the coast.

The terrain is geographically diverse. There are flat plains along the Hungarian border, low mountains and highlands near the Adriatic coast. The W coastline is fringed by off-lying islands.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the Croatian kuna, consisting of 100 paras.

## Firing Areas

### P-1 (SW of Rt Marlera)

- 44°48'N, 14°00'E.
- 44°42'N, 14°14'E.
- 44°22'N, 14°06'E.
- 44°39'N, 13°40'E.

### P-2 (SW of Otok Losinj)

- 44°34'N, 14°22'E.
- 44°25'N, 14°34'E.
- 44°17'N, 14°22'E.
- 44°24'N, 14°15'E.

### P-3 (SW of Otok Premuda)

- 44°22'N, 14°35'E.
- 44°12'N, 14°50'E.
- 44°04'N, 14°35'E.
- 44°15'N, 14°24'E.

### P-4 (S of Otok Vir)

- 44°18'N, 15°02'E.
- 44°10'N, 15°10'E.
- 44°11'N, 15°02'E.
- 44°15'N, 14°56'E.

### P-5 (S of Otok Zirje)

- 43°41'N, 15°36'E.
- 43°38'N, 15°45'E.
- 43°35'N, 15°55'E.
- 43°30'N, 15°59'E.
- 43°23'N, 15°44'E.
- 43°34'N, 15°18'E.

### P-6 (Korculanski Kanal)

- 43°07'N, 16°49'E.
- 43°06'N, 16°59'E.
- 42°59'N, 16°59'E.

- d. 42°59'N, 16°49'E.

**P-7** (Lastovski Kanal)

- a. 42°55'N, 17°06'E.  
b. 42°55'N, 17°12'E.  
c. 42°47'N, 17°19'E.  
d. 42°43'N, 17°23'E.  
e. 42°43'N, 17°10'E.

**P-8** (S of Otok Mljet)

- a. 42°47'N, 17°19'E.  
b. 42°41'N, 17°45'E.  
c. 42°32'N, 17°42'E.  
d. 42°37'N, 17°16'E.

**P-9** (S of Boka Kotorska)

- a. 42°24'N, 18°31'E.  
b. 42°21'N, 18°42'E.  
c. 42°09'N, 18°42'E.  
d. 42°21'N, 18°22'E.

**P-10** (S of Luka Budva)

- a. 42°16'N, 18°49'E.  
b. 42°08'N, 19°02'E.  
c. 42°00'N, 19°00'E.  
d. 42°07'N, 18°46'E.

## Government

The government is a constitutional and parliamentary democracy comprised of 21 counties. The capital is Zagreb.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Jan. 1 and 2, New Year's; May 1 and 2, Labor Days; July 4, Day of War Veterans; Nov. 1, Commemoration of the Dead; Nov. 29 and 30, Days of the Republic.

The ports of Rovenj, Sibenik, Split, and Zadar observe a holiday on May 30.

The ports of Hvar, Pula, Ploce-Kordeljevo, Rijeka, and Senj observe a holiday on July 27.

Christmas is celebrated in the port of Split. The port of Dubrovnik observes Aug. 15, Islam Ramazan.

## Industries

The main industries include chemicals and plastics, machine tools, fabricated metal, electronics, pig iron, wood products, shipbuilding, petroleum and refining, food and beverage products, paper, and rolled steel iron products.

## Languages

The language of Croatia is Serbo-Croatian, which is spoken by 96 percent of the population.

## Pilotage

Pilotage is compulsory for some sections of the coast and in all the principal harbors for foreign vessels exceeding 500 grt.

Pilotage is also compulsory for vessels carrying hazardous cargoes and proceeding between ports in Slovenia, Croatia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

A vessel requiring a pilot must give 24 hours notice. Pilot boarding positions for vessels arriving from international waters are, as follows:

Ploce-Kardeljevo	43°05'N, 17°00'E.
Split	43°28'N, 16°00'E.
Sibenik	43°39'N, 15°52'E.
Zadar	44°23'N, 14°35'E.
Rijeka	45°12'N, 14°29'E.

Vessels desiring a pilot in regions where pilotage is not compulsory, can use pilots from the stations in Rijeka, Split, Dubrovnik, and Bar. It is necessary to notify the port authorities at least 24 hours in advance.

## Prohibited Areas

The following prohibited areas have been established in Croatian waters:

1. A sea belt, 100m wide, along the N shore of Poluotok Lustica peninsula, between Spiljice and Donji Krasici and between Rose and Rt Dobrac.

2. A sea belt, 300m wide, along the N shore of Malo More from Uvala Vodice to Rt Meded, delimited by the following shore points: 42°59.4'N, 17°28.5'E and 42°56.4'N, 17°32.8'E.

3. The sea area in the Stonski Kanal, within a line joining Rt Blaca and Zuronja.

4. In two areas within 300m of that part of the coast of Otok Lastovo from 42°45.3'N, 16°48.6'E, on the shore, to 42°45.8'N, 16°49.4'E, on the shore, including the area within 300m of the coast of Otok Mrara; and within 300m of that part of the coast of Otok Lastovo from 42°43.8'N, 16°50.2'E, on the shore, to 42°44.0'N, 16°52.1'E, on the shore.

5. A sea belt, 300m wide, along the shore of Poluotok Prevlaka peninsula, delimited by the following points on the shore: 42°24.5'N, 18°30.6'E and 42°24.5'N, 18°30.7'E.

6. A sea belt in front of Sava Kovacevic ship repair yard of Tivat, delimited by the following positions:

- a. 42°25.9'N, 18°41.8'E.  
b. 42°25.8'N, 18°41.4'E.  
c. 42°26.2'N, 18°41.3'E.  
d. 42°26.4'N, 18°41.5'E.

7. A sea belt, 300m wide, offshore of Otok Palagruza.

8. A sea belt, 300m wide, along the S coast Otok Brac from Rt Zastup to Uvala Farska, delimited by 43°17.9'N, 16°27.5'E, and 43°16.2'N, 16°32.4'E.

9. A sea area in the bay of Luka Budava, SW of a line, the outermost points of which on the shore are marked by two pyramidal structures.

10. A sea area, 500m wide, offshore of Otok Goli.

11. The sea area around Brionski Otoci, delimited by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 44°56.8'N, 13°42.6'E.  
b. 44°54.9'N, 13°42.8'E.  
c. 44°53.1'N, 13°45.1'E.  
d. 44°53.9'N, 13°46.7'E.  
e. 44°54.5'N, 13°47.2'E.  
f. 44°55.5'N, 13°46.8'E.  
g. 44°56.9'N, 13°44.7'E.

The following navigation prohibited areas have been established in Croatian waters:

1. Within 300m of three sections of the coast of Otok Vis:
  - a. Between 43°03.5'N, 16°03.8'E, on the shore, and 43°02.8'N, 16°03.8'E, on the shore, in the vicinity of Rt Barjak and including Otocici Barjak.
  - b. Between 43°00.6'N, 16°04.6'E, on the shore, and 43°00.4'N, 16°05.0'E, on the shore, in the vicinity of Rt Stupisce.
  - c. Between 43°02.4'N, 16°14.4'E, on the shore, and 43°03.9'N, 16°15.7'E, on the shore.
2. Uvala Stupica Mala and the channel between Rt Rasohe and Otocic Mazirina.
3. A sea area, 500m wide, surrounding Rt Zecevo.
4. Uvala Zagrčina (44°08.2'N., 14°53.8'E.), Uvala Dumboka (44°07.2'N., 14°16.0'E.), and Uvala Bukasin (44°06.6'N., 14°56.7'E.), on the NE coast of Dugi Otok.
5. Within a 500m radius of Marinka Rat
6. Within a radius of 500m of Rt Gruj, Goli Rat, Rt Raznjic, and from position 42°43.2'N, 17°52.1'E.
7. Through Novsko Zdrilo.

Prohibited areas for vessels greater than 500 grt, and for vessels carrying dangerous substances, or which have not been certified gas-free, have been established in the following areas:

1. In Pamanski Kanal S of Rt Podvara (44°03'N., 15°18'E.).
2. In Kolocepki Kanal between Otok Kolocep (42°40'N., 18°01'E.) and Veliki Vratnik (42°45'N., 17°47'E.).
3. In Peljeski Kanal between Rt Raznjic (42°55'N., 17°12'E.) and Rt Osicac (43°01'N., 17°01'E.).
4. In the channels between Otok Kornat and Dugi Otok on the W, and Otok Pasman and Otok Ugljan on the E, from Otok Zirje (43°39'N., 15°40'E.) to Otok Molat (44°15'N., 14°49'E.).

In exceptional circumstances and with a pilot embarked, vessels carrying oil may navigate in each of the prohibited areas listed above, between October 1 and March 31.

## Regulations

Navigational warnings and weather messages are broadcast in English from Bar, Dubrovnik, Split, and Rijeka.

Vessels calling at Croatian harbors must give 24 hours notice of ETA through any Croatian coast radio station.

At most of the major ports in Croatia, vessels are subject to regulations, a copy of which should be obtained on arrival.

Special rules are in force for all foreign naval and surveying vessels visiting Croatian coastal waters.

Vessels transiting this area should obtain a copy of The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, of which Annexes I, II, and V are mandatory, and III and IV are voluntary.

The Mediterranean Sea is defined as a Special Area for the purposes of the Convention.

Annex I prohibits the discharge of any oil or oil mixtures into the Special Area.

Annex II is related to Noxious Liquid Substances in bulk.

Annex V regulates the disposal of garbage from ships and contains special provisions for the applicable area. Any discharge of harmful waste material overboard, in Croatian waters, should be reported to the closest port authority.

Dredges and other craft engaged in works in harbors, or in much-frequented waters on the coasts of Croatia, where they are liable to be affected by the wash of passing vessels, carry the International code signal signifying reduce speed.

All vessels in the vicinity must reduce their speed, so as to avoid damage or disturbance of the work. Infringements of this order are punishable with fines or arrest and payment of any damage occasioned.

Charted depths have been reported to be unreliable along parts of the coast S of approximately 42°30'N. The coastline is reported to differ in places from that charted, and certain harbors have been damaged and reported unfit for berthing.

Mariners are advised to proceed with care and keep offshore. Prior to entering a harbor, they should consult the harbor authorities.

## Time Zone

The Time Zone description is ALPHA (-1).

## U.S. Embassy

The U.S. Embassy is situated at Andrije Hebranga 2, Zagreb. The mailing address is the same.